

**TOWN OF TIVERTON, RHODE ISLAND
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**TIVERTON, RI
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED TIVERTON TOWN CHARTER AMENDMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on proposed Town Charter Amendments. This Public Hearing is scheduled for the Tiverton Town Council meeting to be held on Monday, July 25, 2016 at 7:00p.m. at the Tiverton High School Auditorium, 100 No. Brayton Road, Tiverton, RI.

The proposed amendments, may be altered or further amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment must be presented for comment at the public hearing.

A copy of the proposed Town Charter Amendments are available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk between the hours of 8:30 and 3:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Anyone wishing to be heard on the proposed amendments should be present at the aforementioned date and time.

1. Ballot Question: *Shall article III of the Town Charter be amended to increase the number of qualified elector signatures from 50 people to ten percent (10%) of the total qualified electors in the Town, in order to have elector budget proposals and elector resolutions included on the ballot of the Financial Town Referendum?*

2. Ballot Question: *Shall Article III of the Tiverton Town Charter be amended to provide that an elector petition for an alternate budget proposal shall not differ from the overall budget proposed by the Budget Committee by more than two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00); that any elector petition for an alternate budget proposal may only make changes to the operating budget of the Town as proposed by the Budget Committee or require a remand to the Budget Committee for the same; and that no elector petition may include in the alternative budget proposal a re-appropriation of working capital or spending of the Town's unreserved General Fund?*

3. Ballot Question: *Shall the Town Charter be amended to remove all reference to the now defunct Wastewater Management Commission?*

4. Ballot Question: *Shall Section 1007 of the Tiverton Town Charter be amended to give the Personnel Board discretion to develop a method for advertising vacant municipal positions and discretion in recommending the number of applicants for a vacant position to the Town Administrator?*

5. Ballot Question: *Shall the Tiverton Town Charter be amended to require Town Council to obtain local voter approval before implementing new or increased fees or other revenue sources projected to cost Tiverton residents an aggregate amount of \$20,000 or more than the cost of the prior year?*

6. Ballot Question: *Shall the Tiverton Town Charter be amended to require the Budget Committee to obtain the approval of at least four-fifths of its membership before recommending any tax levy increase greater than two percent (2.0%) more than the levy in the prior year?*

7. Ballot Question: *Shall the Tiverton Town Charter be amended to require the Town Council to hold executive session agenda items at the end of its agenda?*

8. Ballot Question: *Shall Article III of the Tiverton Town Charter be amended to remove the ability of an elector petition for an alternate budget proposal to remand the budget to the Budget Committee, and require the elector petition for an alternate budget proposal to propose specific line item(s) to be increased, decreased, or created?*

9. Ballot Question: *Shall the Tiverton Town Charter be amended to eliminate the Budget Committee and the Financial Town Referendum, and replace it with a process whereby the Town Council enacts a budget, subject to the possibility of an elector petition for specific changes to the budget?*

Nancy L. Mello
Town Clerk”